



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 33 Review and Preview

April 29, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview.



Last Wednesday, I attended a special tribute for Chip Blazas at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), the beloved Sayreville Police and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer for many years at SUES, who passed away recently. During this special dedication organized by family friend Clem Skarzynski, Ms. Coglianesi, the Principal at SUES, accepted a picture of Chip and a plaque of a Sayreville Borough Council proclamation recently approved by the Mayor and Council on March 11th, from

the Blazas family. Both the picture and proclamation will be hung just outside of the gymnasium where Chip led 5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduations for many years. During this moving ceremony, Ms. Coglianesi, Dr. Aguires, Director of Human Resources, who was also the Principal at SUES when Chip was the DARE officer there, Ms. Bonnie Brady, retired Vice Principal at SUES, Linda Smith, School Counselor at SUES, and Gineen Morosco, Special Education Teacher at SUES, made moving speeches in the honor of Chip.



Last Thursday, the SUES presented its annual Silent Holocaust Library Experience. This year was extra special as it featured a first-hand accounting of a hidden child survivor born in Holland where her family received a letter from the Germans ordering them to appear at a railroad station with one suitcase, along with another first-hand accounting of a hidden child survivor in Belgium (through the help of Catholic institutions), as told by himself, Daniel Goldsmith and members of the Jewish War Veterans Post 697 of Bucks County. Finally, it also featured a second-hand accounting of a concentration camp survivor-as told by granddaughter, Farah Kraus. The program, which was created several years ago by retired Sayreville teacher Adele Goldenberg, was coordinated by Special Education Teacher Gineen Morosco and several staff members from Samsel. Thus, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to her, Laura Hornlein, Ashly Hensle, Sandy Kreminski, Taylor Mervin, and Rachel Seavey for the contributions to this most impactful activity. Likewise, we would like to thank Phyllis Newman and Adele Goldenberg for the gracious contribution of pictures used in the Silent Holocaust Library display.



Last Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor and privilege to attend the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Class of 2020 Junior Prom, which was held at the Battleground Country Club in Manalapan. Words cannot accurately express how impressed I was with all our young women and me who attended. Moreover, based upon the incredibly positive feedback that we received about them, I must share with you how



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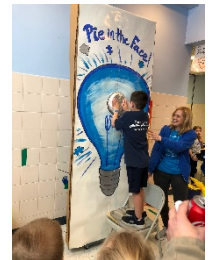
proud we are of all of them. In fact, the general manager of the country club, along with the DJ and photo booth operator, took the time to express to me that our students were by far the kindest and most polite and respectful students that they have ever worked with. Therefore, we commend and thank them, the following SWMHS Class of 2020



Advisors: Ms. Nappe, Ms. McGarry, Mr. Pastva, and Ms. Drabik, and the other staff members who volunteered to chaperone, for making the evening such a memorable one for all, especially me.



While I was also not able to attend, at the Arleth Elementary School this past Saturday, the school community held its annual Autism Awareness Fair. As is the case each year, this year's fair was very successful in raising awareness and funds for Autism research, and was a very memorable experience for all who attended, particularly those who witnessed Mr. Preston and others take whipped cream pies to the face. ☺ Thank you to Mr. Preston, Principal, and all the Arleth staff members who participated in the planning, coordination, and operation of this incredible fair.



Yesterday evening, I had the honor of attending the 2019 SWMHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. As always, the evening was rich in tradition, good food, and Bomber spirit, as the Hall of Fame welcomed the following new inductees: Carlo Alban, Class of 1996, Daniel Buchanan, Class of 1993, Mark Mills, Class of 1993, Dr. Carlos Vargas, Class of 2008, and John Worobey, Class of 1969. On



behalf of the Sayreville Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff and students, we commend and thank the 2019 Class of the SWMHS Hall of Fame for serving as such pinnacles of



excellence and role models for our entire school community, and for leaving a legacy that either began in or included Sayreville. Bomber Nation salutes them and is proud to be a part of their legacy.



Furthermore, I would like to thank the SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee for selecting these amazing Bombers and for coordinating yet another most memorable induction ceremony for them, their families and guests, and all who

attended.



During the past week, our students and staff continued to impress and inspire us with their incredible accomplishments. On Friday morning, I had the opportunity to visit Ms. McCabe's SWMHS Marine Biology class as they dissected squids. As always, I was very impressed with their proficiency with the anatomy of the specimens, as well as the precision in which they dissected them. Sadly, I do not believe that I will be eating

calamari or stuffed squid any longer. ☺ In addition, many of the SWMHS Air Force JROTC Cadets

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received service awards during their first ever Awards Night held on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Finally, we commend the SWMHS students who have been providing coffee to our staff as part of a new student business called Bomber Brew. More than the java that they provide us, we adore the service with a smile that we receive with each cup.



In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Boys and Girls Track Teams, who both took 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the annual John F. Kennedy High School Mustang Relays. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive time the Boys Team have won this meet and the 4<sup>th</sup> time the the Girls have done so. In addition, several athletes from both the Girls and Boys Track Team performed impressively at the Penn Relays last week. Lastly, we congratulate SWMHS sophomore Dylan Acevedo for winning a NJ State Freestyle Wrestling Championship this past weekend! Dylan also became the first ever Bomber wrestler to qualify for the Fargo National Tournament Go Bombers!



This evening **Sayreville Parent University** will present a workshop on the **dangers of vaping and juuling** in the **SWMHS Media Center at 7 pm**. As always, we will be posting the video of this presentation on our website tomorrow morning. If you would like to see it, as well as all our presentations this year, click [here](#). The next **Board of Education Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. During this meeting, we will conduct the **2019-20 School District Budget Public Hearing**. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Please remember that online registration via InfoSnap ([Click here](#)) for our [Summer Enrichment](#) and [Camp XL](#) programs is open this morning. [Click on each to find information on both programs](#). Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities** and **trips**.

Remember to **stay connected** to our district by monitoring the [home page of our website](#), our [Facebook page](#), out [Twitter feed](#), and our [Instagram account](#).

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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe